

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Occupational Therapists \(29-1122\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers \(21-1023\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90

Focus Occupation: Occupational Therapists (29-1122)

Associated Occupation: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers (21-1023)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	23.8	16.4	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Psychology	6.4	22.5	17.7	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	20.6	13.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Sociology and Anthropology	4.1	16.5	12.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Philosophy and Theology	3.2	11.0	6.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	18.8	12.0	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Active Listening	11.0	15.0	13.4	<	A higher skill level may be required
Speaking	10.8	14.6	13.4	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	14.5	11.7	<	A higher skill level may be required
Monitoring	9.9	12.8	11.6	<	A higher skill level may be required
Coordination	9.1	12.3	10.2	<	A higher skill level may be required
Learning Strategies	7.2	11.7	10.5	<	A higher skill level may be required

Persuasion	7.4	11.2	9.1	<	A higher skill level may be required
Negotiation	6.8	10.7	8.6	<	A higher skill level may be required
Science	4.5	10.6	5.6	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Operations Analysis	5.0	10.1	5.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Oral Expression	12.4	16.0	14.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Oral Comprehension	12.5	15.7	14.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	15.4	14.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	14.1	12.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	13.8	12.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	13.2	11.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Recognition	9.9	13.0	11.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Category Flexibility	9.0	11.4	10.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	11.4	9.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Closure	5.9	9.9	7.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Memorization	5.6	7.9	5.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 79

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Conduct patient assessments	69
Evaluate patient response to therapy	78
Evaluate patient's skills or capacities	87

Use interpersonal communication techniques	10
Work with persons with mental disabilities or illnesses	62

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 87

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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